

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Automated External Defibrillation (AED) program is to provide the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) employees, interns, contractors, visitors and consumers an emergency lifesaving bridge during the first critical minutes following a sudden cardiac arrest (SCR).

DEFINITIONS

AED: Automated external defibrillator.
CPR: Cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
SCA: Sudden cardiac arrest.

POLICY

MDHHS has implemented an AED program in accordance with the recommendations from the [American Heart Association](#) in state owned and leased buildings. Training is provided by the Bureau of Organizational Services.

PROCEDURE

The MDHHS coordinator ensures AED's are properly maintained, and forwards all incident information to the medical advisor within 72 hours of its use.

RESOURCES

Information for AED, including AED locations, policy and organizations offering training can be found at [Inside Michigan/Buildings and Property](#).

Both federal and state law provide fairly broad immunity for situations involving use of AEDs:

42 USC 238q

MCL 691.1504